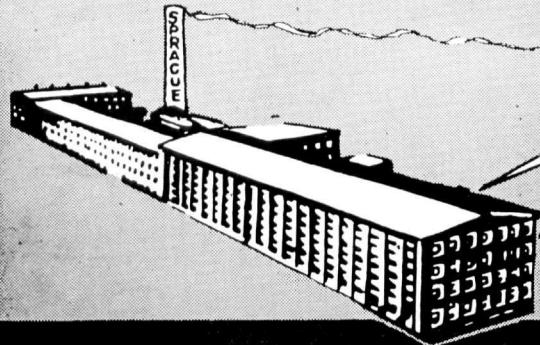


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Cubs of Pack 72 Eye Scout Birthday Cake With Anticipation



Staff
Cub Pack 72 of Freeman School celebrates 42nd anniversary of Boy Scout movement. From left to right: Robert Veazie, Thomas Cullen, Anthony Abuisi, Kenneth Johnston, and Wayne Harris.

N. A. Music Association Makes Drive For Members

The North Adams Civic Music Association opens its third year with a drive for a larger membership during the week of March 3 - 8.

It is good for a community to have an organization whose objective is to build and improve the cultural values locally. It is hoped that the present membership of 500 may be expanded to 900 during this coming drive. The support of all music lovers is needed.

Last year we enjoyed Ferrante and Teichert, the piano duo, Brian Sullivan, Metropolitan tenor, and Beno and Sylvia Kabinoff, violinist and pianist.

This year we have had Jean Mitchell, violinist, Lawrence Winters, baritone; and we hope to enjoy Raymond Lewenthal, pianist, in the last concert.

Those who purchase memberships before March 5 will be allowed to attend the Lewenthal concert and may invite a non-paying prospective member as his guest. Adult memberships are \$6.00, and student memberships are \$3.00. Your Sprague representative is Mrs. Ruth Bass of the Mica Dept., whom you may contact by calling 3012.

RIDERS WANTED

Leonard Foisy would like riders from Adams to the Marshall Street plant on the 7:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. shift. Leonard can be contacted by calling Miscellaneous Dry Rolling—DG 24 Assembly.

Podolsky and Secretary Prepare Bib.

"Make Safety A Habit", a guide to safety, is enclosed with this issue of the LOG. This colorful pamphlet has been prepared by the Employe Relations Department. Its cartoon presentation of safety was designed for painless reading, and if the good advice in this booklet is followed, you will find your job painless also.

Acknowledgement goes to Mrs. Mary Gordon and Arthur J. Matthews, Safety Director, for conceiving this booklet which approaches safety humorously, and for selecting the cartoons. Final editing was done by Courtney Flanders.

Charles Ryan Promoted To Ass't in Material Control

Mr. Charles Ryan has assumed his new duties as Assistant to the Department Head of Material Control, according to an announcement made by Mr. S. S. McClure, Plant Manager.

Mr. Ryan, who resides on North Hoosac Road in Williamstown with his wife and child, attended the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance for two years. Formerly, he was employed by the Northern Berkshire Gas Company in the Accounting Department and he served 37 months in the

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers has published a new "Bibliography on Power Capacitors". This bibliography is the first attempt to list the literature on the subject of power capacitors and covers the years 1925 through 1950.

It was prepared under the supervision of a committee of which Mr. Leon Podolsky, Manager of the Field Engineering Department, was chairman. The major work on the bibliography was done by Miss Alice Herrmann, who worked for approximately 18 months in the collection of data for this publication. It was necessary to search references in 182 publications which were printed in countries all over the world. The work was done by Miss Herrmann at the Sprague Electric Company, in the Technical Library of the General Electric Company at Pittsfield, and at the New York Public Library. There are 918 individual articles tabulated in this bibliography.

Windover Campaign Chairman of N. A. Red Cross Drive

Fred B. Windover of the Sales Department has been appointed campaign chairman of the 1952 North Adams American Red Cross Drive. The announcement of his appointment was

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Pack Observes Nat. Boy Scout Week; Abuisi and Cullen Active in Cubs

Cub Pack 72 of Freeman School celebrated the 42nd anniversary of the Boy Scout movement with a Blue and Gold party.

Pack 72 of Freeman School, North Adams was formed two years ago during National Boy Scout Week, which was observed this year from February 6-13. Mr. Anthony Abuisi, husband of Angela Abuisi of Metal Clad Tubular Assembly, is the Cubmaster of this pack; and Tom Cullen, of Planning and Methods, is his assistant and committee man. Pack 72 has five dens. Mrs. Cullen is one of the den mothers as is Mrs. Frank Bush, wife of Frank of Research and Engineering.

These Cub parties are called Blue and Gold to designate the uniforms of the Cubs which are blue and gold.

Mr. George Giroux, Manager of Industrial Food Crafts in our plants, donated the large decorated birthday cake which is shown in the picture.

Cub Pack 72 is one of the many scout units in the Trail District of Berkshire Council Boy Scouts of America—the area which includes North Adams.

Management Dinner Well Attended; Several Out-of-Town Guests Present

On February 9, 206 people gathered in the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel to enjoy the annual management dinner dance.

Dinner and dancing to the music of Eddie Ames and his orchestra was enjoyed. The tables and the hall had been decorated in a Valentine motif and the ladies were presented with corsages of red camellias.

Out-of-town-guests included Alvin Schils, of the Sprague Electric Nashua Division, William Stifler, of the Ferroxcube Corporation, and Richard Hughes, an employe of the Herlec Corporation who is undergoing a training program here in North Adams.

Courtney Flanders, of the Employe Relations Department, made the arrangements for the dinner dance. Mr. Flanders announced that this year the attendance at the party reached a new height. The 206 people who attended showed an increase of approximately 50 persons over last year.



Staff
Table 24 obliges the cameraman. From left to right: Mrs. John Washburn, Mrs. Louis Larson, Louis Larson, Philip Tallarico, Mrs. Philip Tallarico, Mrs. Ralph Boisjolie, and Ralph Boisjolie.



Staff
Dancing to the music of Eddie Ames and his orchestra was enjoyed by the guests at the Management Dinner Dance.

Sprague Electric Management Enjoys Dinner-Dance



From left to right: Courtney Flanders, Mrs. Harry Kalker, Harry Kalker, Mrs. Courtney Flanders, Clayton McGran, Miss Joan Mulcahy, John Ortman, and Mrs. John Ortman. Pictured in the center of the panel are Mr. and Mrs. William Mendell and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pierce. From left to right: Mrs. Frederick McNamara, Mrs. Frans Fonteyn, Frederick McNamara, A. B. Lindquist, Mrs. Samuel McClure, Samuel McClure, Charles Martin, Mrs. Charles Martin, Charles Wilson, Mrs. A. B. Lindquist, Mrs. Charles Wilson, and Frans Fonteyn.



From left to right: Lucius Henry, Mrs. Lucius Henry, Mrs. Robert Fairbanks, Robert Fairbanks, Mrs. Charles Sutliff, Duncan McNaughton, and Mrs. Duncan McNaughton. Guests danced to the music of Eddie Ames and his orchestra. From left to right: Mrs. Robert C. Sprague, Jr., William Benedetti, Mrs. William Benedetti, Robert C. Sprague, Jr., and Mrs. James Fitzgerald.

Marshall Street News

Round Midget Assembly

by Anon

Wonder what would happen if — Vi Levesque and Rita Disanti could stick to their diets and not fall for sour-balls and red skinned salted peanuts — Edith Roy and Alvina Moreau couldn't enjoy a good laugh — Vi couldn't crochet — Doris, Ida, Ruth, and Mable Amos couldn't sing?

A welcome to our new co-workers Kay O'Connor, Frances Kordana, Emma Dube, Mable Amos, Ruth Allard, Norma Skorupski, and Jennifer Garceau.

Kay O'Connor spent a week end in New York with her son, John, before he sailed away on a business trip for our Uncle Sam. We wish him luck and a safe return home soon.

Western Electric

by Walter and Winchell

We were happy to see Rita McClinton back on her old job.

Hollie Brown, the human dynamo, tells us his favorite song is "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning".

Wonder where Delia Gorman gets all that energy.

The high school basketball season is almost over, but one of the strongest Drury fans is Jo Gebauer. She certainly loves that team.

Stan Osilzko bought a new 1952 Pontiac a couple of weeks ago.

The top tune of the week on the End Off Table is "Cry".

Stanley Janik received a mysterious Valentine. Who sent it, Stan?

Test Equipment Engineering

by E. B. Ryan

Dave Feder has returned to the department after having spent the past six weeks at Brown Street. The breakfast club is glad to have you back amongst us, Dave. We missed you.

Congratulations to Ed Lamphier's daughter, Marjorie, who in her first

year at Drew University in Madison, N. J. has made the Dean's List for having obtained consistently high marks.

Norma Luscier is sporting new eye windows. The better to see with, my dear.

Tidbits: Did you know Ed Lamphier's side line was tailoring, trousers repaired a specialty, terms easily arranged. Have you heard Bill Champagny imitating Beatrice Kay in his rendition of gay ninety melodies? Have you noticed the (s)plendorous results of **Norma Luscier's** diet?

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We feel sorry for **Norman Miller** who has been having more than his share of bad luck. First, his daughter was taken to the hospital. We are happy to report she is home now and feeling fine.

Then, his tenant's oil tank which was attached to the furnace broke and 250 gallons of oil was lost in the cellar bottom.

We miss **Harry Brierley** who was transferred to Brown Street.

Marshall Street Paper Rolling

by Choo-Choo

The week of February 17 is Brotherhood Week, a week set aside in the year during which all denominations will stress Brotherhood. You will undoubtedly be asked not to be prejudiced toward a person because of his religious beliefs or his color.

To many, Brotherhood Week will be forgotten or skipped entirely.

In a country like the United States, which has citizens of every religion and color, and these people are free to choose their own religious beliefs, there is no room for prejudices and jealousies. We all live and work side by side, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish; white, negro, and yellow. Why then, don't we all follow the commandment "Love thy neighbor as thyself"? Why not follow this commandment every day of every year hence?

America must be kept strong in the next few trying years, and Brotherhood can do it. If we can all forget our differences and live side by side, Brotherhood can help our country starting today.

Remember, "united we stand, divided we fall". Will you do your part?

Prokar and Polyester Impregnation

by N. Miller

Welcome to our department **Alease Morgan**, **Alice Domini**, **Dorothy Osborne**, and **Matthew Krzeminski**. Hope you like working with us.

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Networks

by Mae and Marie

Hi folks. Guess yours truly has been on a vacation. At least there was no news to report.

Our department welcomes **Fernanda Luscier** and **Julia Gregalis** who recently returned to us after working for a short time in other departments.

Congratulations to **Edith Royal** whose birthday was celebrated with gifts and a cake. Hope you have many more, Edith.

We are glad to see **Eleanor Desanty** back to work after her recent bout with the virus.

Also, we are glad to have **Evelyn Morton** back with us after being out sick.

We are happy to hear Mr. Beaman's wife is on the road to recovery.

Speaking of hobbies, **Alta Oakes** keeps busy in her spare time making baby clothes and crocheting for dolls. Where do you get all the ambition, Alta?

Brotherhood Week comes up this month, and we feel it would be nice to practice a brotherly feeling all year

round. Each in his own way could help make this week a success, realizing that in this great country of ours each of us, regardless of race, color, or creed, has the American right to express his opinion and live and worship as he pleases.

In this concern for which we work, it would be well to realize this, when we are inclined to make a snap judgment of someone, or something for which they stand.

Let's all try to make this week a success by trying to get along with everyone. And it is just as easy to say something nice and be pleasant to them. A lot of happiness comes from making friends with everyone.

Shipping

by C. Trudeau

Welcome to the Shipping Department, **Ruth Phelps**. Hope you like working here.

Dorothy Raimer is back to work after a glorious two-week vacation spent in Florida.

Birthday greetings to **Frances Patenaude** who celebrated her birthday on February 10. **Jean Davis** made a cake for the occasion.

Norma Freedman spent a week end visiting in Lawrence and shopping in Boston.

Margaret Torrey is very busy these days moving into a new apartment.

Philip Talarico, **Najib Davis**, and **Ernest Gregory** attended a Traffic Club dinner meeting recently in Pittsfield.

Our sincerest sympathy to **Clara Bond** on the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Aaron Bond.

Heat Seal Section

Welcome to the Heat-Seal Section, **Ervin Bradley**. Ervin was transferred from our Bennington Wire Coating Department.

Birthday greetings to **Christina Lang**, **Edith Fachini**, **Claire Hurlbut**, and **John Crase**. They were presented with birthday cakes on their respective birthdays.

We miss **Dick Cloutier** who has gone back to the Time Study Depart-

Y's Men's Club to Sponsor Father and Son Banquet

The North Adams Y's Men's Club will sponsor their fifth annual father and son banquet on Tuesday evening, February 26 at 6:30. Ed Hurley, American League Umpire, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$3.50 and include father and son.

Sprague Electric members of the Y's Men's Club include Ralph Boisjolie and Ed Cook.

MacDonald Named Scoutmaster; succeeds Arthur Spencer

Ralph A. MacDonald, of Brown Street General, has been appointed Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 33. Mr. MacDonald succeeds Arthur E. Spencer, of Beaver Street General, as Scoutmaster. The former Scoutmaster again will serve as a member of the troop committee.

Troop 33 is supported by the First Baptist Church.

Windover Campaign Chairman

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made by Samuel Hirsh, chairman of the North Adams branch of the Berkshire County Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. Windover is very active in community affairs. He served on the city council from 1944 through 1951, and as president of the council in 1947.

ment. He was presented with a fare-well gift and a cake on his last work day here.

Anna St. Cyr is enjoying a two-week vacation.

Building 3

by Breezy

If anyone is feeling chilly these days, better see **Margaret Koehler** or **Jane Gordon**. The afghans these girls have knitted are not only very pretty but very warm too, I'll bet.

We all send belated greetings to **Marie Grande** who celebrated her birthday on the 11th. Hope you had an enjoyable day, Marie.

It is with sadness that we bid good-

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bye to **Margaret Koehler** who is leaving us to make ready for the little somebody who will be joining the Koehler family sometime next summer, but with her go best wishes from all of us for health and happiness in the future.

In turn, we welcome **Betty Neveu** who has taken Margaret's place. Hope you like your work here, Betty, and our new friends.

Everybody is in the pin-up mood these days — some pin up cupids, some pin up hearts, some pin up "rogues' galleries" — it must be the Valentine spirit remaining in us.

Colonel Adams is now enjoying his stay in Washington, we hope. We would certainly like to be there now, especially when these March winds start blowing.

Some bespectacled girls look quite elegant with their new frames. Quite nice, **Jan** and **Emily**.

The poodle cut is becoming quite popular around here. **Virginia Suprangent** is the latest one, with her semi-poodle.

Poor Rose and Sue were quite run down a few days last week. Best cure that we can suggest is at least six hours sleep every day or so.

We were very proud to see the picture of one of our celebrities in the Transcript recently — **Betty Saltamartini** as Secretary of the I.C.G. Club. You must have a good press agent, Betty.

Network and Filter Development Sectionby **Julia Desrosiers**

We wish **Dorothy Gay** loads of luck on her coming wedding. She will be married February 23.

We hope **Olga Perrault** and **Wayne Gorman** like being with us.

We had a dinner party in honor of **Dorothy Gay** and **Donald Belanger** at the Taconic Tea House. A good time was had by all. The couple were presented with a purse of money.

Gladys Dubie is driving again and **Armand Senay** is worrying.

Seeing that her voice is scaring people, **Julia Desrosiers** is taking vocal lessons.

Vitreous Enamel Resistorsby **Norma Rancatt**

A farewell party recently was held in honor of **Ed Schaffner** by his co-workers of the Vitreous Enamel Department. After lunch, Ed was presented with a purse from the gang. **Ed Scully**, our capable supervisor, spoke in behalf of all present, wishing Ed good luck, goodbye, and hoping he would be back soon in our midst. Ed left February 8 to report to his induction center at Long Beach, California, where he will be inducted into the Armed Services.

Carrie Murach celebrated her thirteenth wedding anniversary February 18. Congratulations, Carrie.

Phyllis Brooks is ill and we are hoping for her quick recovery. Hurry back, Phyllis, because we miss you.

John Shaker had a vacation recently. He spent it near his television set, anyone wishing to know about their favorite program just consult John.

The girls on the packing table had a spaghetti dinner with **Steffie Melillo**. Her husband, Joe, did the cooking.

Anyone wanting to swap pocket novels, please get in touch with **Clem Leelaire**.

Anita Martin's baby is recovering from the chicken pox. Hurry back, Anita, we miss you.

Filtersby **Ginger**

Birthday greetings from the gang to **Florence Grew** and **Rose Walczak**.

We hope our new Check Inspector, **Henry Testa**, likes working with us.

We miss our tall, handsome (but not dark) Check Inspector, **Bill Burdick**.

We wonder who he is teasing now and writing poetry about.

Sorry to hear **Margaret Isherwood**'s husband was in the hospital. How he is coming along fine.

There is danger in a redhead, we've been told,

And the Filters have their pot of gold, That's why the men all scurry, Down to see Miss Betty Fleury. Be seeing you in the next LOG.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Florence Lang** on the death of her father and to **Florence Saulnier** on the death of her father-in-law.

Beaver Street News**Products Engineering**by **Fran Melito**

Hello Louise Delbrouck, Paul Raedel, and **Nathan Candiloro**.

Hope you'll be with us for a long, long time.

Belated birthday greetings to **Lena Lubert**.

Mike Lebert is really a lucky boy. He now is living in South Carolina and he left just in time to get away from all this cold weather.

Bathtub Assemblyby **D. Landry**

We are glad to see **Doris Lussier** back with us after her recent illness.

Theresa Paquin has been twice blessed. Once when her son, Jimmie, returned from the North Adams Hospital where he has been a patient for several weeks, and, secondly, when her sister and her husband (Capt. and Mrs. Leslie Bellows) arrived from Italy. Capt. Bellows and his family have been in Italy for four years.

Donata Jacobs' daughter, Jean, celebrated her 13th birthday recently. She entertained her friends at a birthday party.

Chris Andrews' son, Graham, and daughter, Kay, made the Dean's List at State Teachers College this semester.

Agnes Chesbro has been walking on air since her brother, Staff Sergeant James Grant, arrived home from Italy, where he has been stationed for four years. This is his 17th year in service. He expects his family to arrive from Pitsfield for the semi-finals.

Phyllis Lapins treated the girls in the repair section to Rigatoni the other day. They all said it was delicious. Happy birthday to **Francis Krzeminski**, February 12.

Sorry to have **Marcia Greene** leave us. Hope you'll be back soon.

Viola Tatro is getting ready to move into her new home on the Middle Road, Clarksburg. Lucky girl.

Brown Street News**Molded Tubular Final Solder**by **The Busy Bees**

We would like to welcome the new girls on our line. Hope they enjoy working with us.

Florence Clement observed her birthday recently. We all wish her many happy returns.

Marion Andrews' daughter, Beverly, made her television debut on Juvenile Jamboree. We hope she keeps up the good work and we wish her the best of luck.

Mary Collier has been out on sick leave. We will be glad to see her back; we miss her.

Ruth Durant looks really sharp with her new permanent. Getting ready for spring!

Eleanor Hall is in need of a good pair of roller skates to keep up with the girls who are always calling her.

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Small Order Metal Cladby **Della Keating**

We want to wish a happy birthday to **Jo Mastalisz**, **Jane Dufresne**, **Jane Barnhart**, **Nellie Hewitt**, and **Pete Jeffers**.

If you want a special birthday cake, call **Margarette Adamcyk**. It was really beautiful, Margaret.

Jo Mastalisz certainly has a beautiful little girl.

Ask **Julia Morin** and **Margaret Adamcyk** how they like to hear the girls snap their gum.

Miscellaneous Paper Finishby **Gert Noel**

Birthday greetings to **Jackie Parot** February 6, and **Helen Dubois**, February 9. Each received a birthday cake.

We were very sorry to hear of **Theresa Garafano**'s husband's accident. Hope our well wishes will speed him on the road to recovery.

Gloria Amos keeps us well informed of the Sprague Electric Lassie basketball games. We can tell by her face the next day whether they won or lost.

Jackie Parot recently received the last of her naturalization papers. Jackie comes from France. Congratulations, Jackie.

Helen Harrington is as busy as a little beaver getting ready for the summer wedding of her daughter, Connie.

We missed **Mary Benson's** sunny smile when she was out for a few days because of illness. Mary is one of those people who make you forget your diet and waistline when she comes in with homemade fudge and cake.

Kathy Scott's Irish brogue keeps us in stitches, but her singing is really out of this world.

Roger Delisle received his greetings from Uncle Sam. He reported for the examination and passed. Any day now, Roger, we'll be saying, "So long, it's been good to know you".

Metal Clad Tubular Finishby **Rita Johnson**

Birthday greetings to **Vi Scott**. What a lucky person, nice gifts, cake, and a week end in Boston.

Everyone is happy to have **Hazel Windrow** back with us again.

Welcome to **Ernie Lacasse**. Hope you like our department, Ernie.

Can't blame **Mary Cwalinski** for being a proud mother these days. Her 13-year-old son was chosen as one of six from 57 boys for the Prince Charming Contest sponsored by WBRK. Walter sang February 19 at the State Theatre in Pitsfield for the semi-finals.

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Adams Needs Pitts. Victory For Championship, Drury Making Comeback Late In Season**Resistor Assembly**by **Chick and Chuck**

Congratulations to **Louis Poirot** who was elected Chief Constable for the town of Florida in the recent election.

Victor Gay who has been at the casting table for the past four years up and joined the Air Force. Victor now is at Sampson Air Force Base in Geneva, N. Y. receiving his basic military training.

Joseph Brewer, another one of our casters, also was inducted into the Army on February 25. Joe was given a farewell present before he left, but Victor left so quickly his will be sent to him. Good luck to both of you and we will be waiting to see you in uniform.

Shirley Smith was a recent visitor at Sampson Air Base where her husband, Daniel Smith, is receiving his military training.

Roland Bernardara never will have any trouble with his car as long as he can get **Ralph Dow** and **Leroy Johnsdrow** to push him along. He said he saves a couple gallons of gas a week that way.

Helen Jobin is on the sick list. Hurry back, Helen, we miss your pleasant good mornings.

Industrial Oil Stackingby **A. Heath and L. Lewis**

Winnie Emery has a Pouf Hairdo, that is! And it looks beautiful, Winnie.

Charlie Zocchi is a hunting expert. He especially likes the pheasant season. We were sorry to lose **Bob Roy**. We miss him.

Julia Dolle says that if **Bill Spencer** spends this year's vacation in Bear Swamp, he's trespassing. Watch out for Julia, Bill.

We hope **George Rohane** will like his job as much as he enjoys ice fishing.

Will anyone who saw six Eskimo dogs and two sleds on Main Street, February 12 at 7:30 p.m., please contact **Ann Heath**. She has to prove something to two doubting Thomases. We would like to know how they got by **Bette James**. She could use them in the Savoy mountains. Mush on!

The department extends its sympathy to **Nello Zanett** and his wife on the death of their infant daughter.

Industrial Oil Rolling

(Nights)

by **J. Miner**

Welcome to **Dot Labonte** who has joined our group.

Happy birthday to **Helen Mancuso** on the 11th and **Bernice Brazeau** on the 16th. Birthday cakes were enjoyed.

Bertha Raymond and **Justine Miner** celebrated their 26th and 11th wedding anniversaries, respectively, on the 15th.

A farewell supper for **Connie Gordon** on the 12th also was enjoyed by all.

J. Miner and **Dot Daunais** recently enjoyed a week of vacation at their homes. Dot moved into her new home on her vacation and the girls presented her with a beautiful pair of figurines and a plant.

And speaking of roses, **Helen Mancuso** gets them three dozen at a time.

KVAby **Mary Bua and Frank Santelli**

We're happy to see **Elinor King** back with us after a stay in Florida with her sailor husband.

Millie Mahoney is a grandmother again. Congratulations, Millie.

Mickey O'Neil and **Attilio Miranti** heard the exciting news on the radio that his brother has just docked in

California from Korea. Mickey also has just become an uncle again. Just to make things even brighter, Mickey has purchased a new Oldsmobile.

Joe Guertin will be happy when spring arrives. Everytime Joe puts his chains on, it stops snowing until he gets them off, then it starts again.

Here are the League Standings as of February 15:

Team	Won	Lost
Adams	9	1
Pittsfield St. Joseph	9	2
Pittsfield	6	4
Drury	6	5
Dalton	4	6
Williamstown	2	9
No. Adams St. Joseph	0	10

by "Fran" Brazeau

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2. If you need assistance, the Internal Revenue Department can give you more time the earlier you file.
3. Returns prepared in a hurry during the last few days result in considerable errors which might mean an excessive amount of taxes paid by you. It is also possible at a later date that the audit of the return would result in a deficiency assessment on which you would have to pay interest at the rate of 6%.
4. If a refund is in order, the remittance check can be forwarded to you at a much earlier date.

Employees of the Collector's Office are ordinary, hardworking men and women like ourselves. Just as you prefer to have your work load reasonable at all times, that is their human desire. By delay in filing your return, unintentionally you are placing an avalanche of work on their shoulders. Why not resolve to file your return without delay.

Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston, Mass.

February Is Heart Month

Where Your Heart Money Goes

Of the money which you give to your local Heart Association, 60% will stay right here in Berkshire County. It will go to support the Berkshire County Chapter of the Massachusetts Heart Association which was organized in July, 1951. Right now, this association is supporting a heart clinic in Pittsfield which is open upon referral to any heart victim who cannot afford medical care.

The other 40% of your heart gift is broken down as follows: 25% goes to the National American Heart Association and 15% to the Massachusetts Heart Association for administration program and principally for research.

Have a heart for those who have heart trouble; support Heart Month.

How Much Do You Know About Your Income Tax?

A Ten-Minute Quiz Which May Save You Money and Help You Fill Out Your Federal Income Tax Form

Editor's Note: Whether or not you can find anything humorous in paying your income tax, you will want to test yourself with this tax quiz. It is based on material furnished by the American Institute of Accountants, the national professional society of certified public accountants—which claims that although taxes are a serious subject, sometimes a light approach helps people learn more about how they may save money with Uncle Sam's blessings.

1. Is Your Mother-in-Law Worth \$600?

Your mother-in-law moved in with you on January 1, 1951. She is dependent on you for everything except conversation. However, she has a small pension of \$599 a year, which she keeps for herself. Can you list her as a dependent on your tax return? . . . Yes. . . . No. . . . It all depends. *Answer.* It all depends. If the \$599 pension is all the income she has—and you spent more than that in taking care of her—then she is a dependent. That means she is a \$600 exemption on your return.

The rule about dependents is simple. You may take a \$600 dependency exemption for anyone closely related to you by blood or marriage, provided that you contributed *more than half* his upkeep and his total taxable income is *less than* \$600 for the year. Any dependency exemptions, of course, are in addition to the personal exemption of \$600 you take for yourself.

2. Sawing a Married Couple in Half

Although you married your wife because you thought she had a legacy, it turns out that she has no income of her own. In fact, because she spends most of your pay check, she really has less than no income. Can the two of you split your income on a joint tax return? . . . Yes. . . . No. . . . Perhaps. . . . Only Houdini could do it.

Answer. Yes, you can—and married couples can nearly always save money by filing joint returns. You can file a joint return with your wife as long as you were married and living together on the last day of the year, or if your wife died during the year. It makes no difference whether your wife has any income of her own—or whether you get married on January 1 or December 31.

3. Form vs. Expediency

You usually file a simplified form 1040A and take the standard deduction of ten per cent of your income. Your wife says you ought to figure up your actual deductions on a long form 1040, because it might save you money. Is this a case of doing it the hard way? . . . Yes. . . . No. . . . Your wife is always right.

Answer. Your wife may be right. Most wage earners file a simplified form 1040A (used only when total income from all sources is \$5000 or less) or a short form 1040 (used only when income from wages or salaries is \$5000 or less and income from other sources is not more than \$100) and take the standard ten per cent deduction. However, many could save money by itemizing their actual deductions on a long form 1040. If your actual deductions amount to *more* than ten per cent of your income, then you have to file a long form 1040 in order to claim them. Your best bet is to check your deductions carefully to find out which form is best for you.

4. Home, Sweet Home (Taxwise)

You have just received a bill of \$341 from the roof repairman who replaced the shingles blown off your house in the hurricane last fall. The monthly mortgage payment is due at the bank. Your town property tax bill of \$225

is expected any day. Should you sell the house and move to the hills?

. . . Immediately. . . . Next Month.

. . . You should grin and bear it.

Answer. Taxwise, you can probably afford to grin and bear it.

Home owners have a number of tax advantages. The interest on your mortgage, for example, is deductible on your tax return. So are real estate and property taxes, as well as casualty losses which are not offset by insurance. (An additional deductible item is interest on home repair and other loans.)

In today's market, selling your home might result in a tax problem. Suppose it cost you \$8000 in 1946, you have made no improvements, and you sell the house today for \$12,000. You have to pay a tax on the \$4000 difference unless within one year before or after you sell your old house, you buy another which costs at least \$12,000. If you *build* a house costing \$12,000, you must occupy it within one year before or 18 months after your sale. However, if you sell the house at a loss, you cannot take a deduction.

5. It Almost Pays To Be Unhealthy

Your wife had twins in June, and as a result you were forced to go to the hospital for a two-month rest cure. You feel that the doctor must have charged twice as much for the twins as he would for one infant, and furthermore that it costs so much to keep well that you are better off sick. Should you show your strength of character by paying only half of your bills? . . . Yes. . . . No. . . . Refuse to pay at all.

Answer. Your credit rating is entirely up to you. However, in a case like this, you should keep close track of your doctor and hospital expenses, since you may have an allowable medical deduction on your return.

You can deduct medical expenses in excess of five per cent of your adjusted gross income, up to certain limits. If either you or your wife is over 65 years of age, you may deduct all of the medical expenses of both, subject to a special ceiling limitation. (Carefully check the instructions with your tax forms for an explanation of adjusted gross income, and of what your maximum for medical deductions may be.)

Many people are not aware of the variety of medical expenses which are deductible. Hospital, nurse, dentist and doctor bills (not offset by insurance) are obvious ones. Others include cost of drugs, eyeglasses, dentures, tooth paste and brushes, wheelchairs, crutches and other medical equipment.

6. Your Records Are Their Business

You have listed on your return a few deductions (such as a personal bad debt, which actually represents your wife's losses at Canasta) which are slightly questionable. However, you figure that there's not one chance in a thousand that anyone from the Revenue Bureau will ever bother to check your tax return—and besides, everyone cheats on his tax return. Is this a safe attitude?

. . . Certainly. . . . Certainly not. . . . Sing Sing offers free vacations.

Answer. Certainly not. Actually, only a very small number of taxpayers try to cheat on their tax returns. When you list deductions on your tax return, be sure that you can prove them. In other words, keep receipts on such things as doctor or hospital bills, property tax bills, and the like.

The government spot-checks income tax returns. Although the Revenue Bureau takes a reasonable attitude, many people have had deductions disallowed because they had no logical proof.

BASIC RULES TO FOLLOW

Although these foregoing examples may be somewhat out of the ordinary, they illustrate six basic rules you should follow in making out your tax return:

1. Take all your legitimate exemptions.

2. If married, you should usually file a joint return.

3. Be sure to choose the right form. Check your total deductions to see if you should itemize them on a long form 1040.

4. Do not neglect all the deductions that may result from your owning your own home.

5. If you had heavy medical expenses, see whether you have an allowable medical deduction.

6. Be sure you have reasonable proof of your deductions.

And here are some additional suggestions:

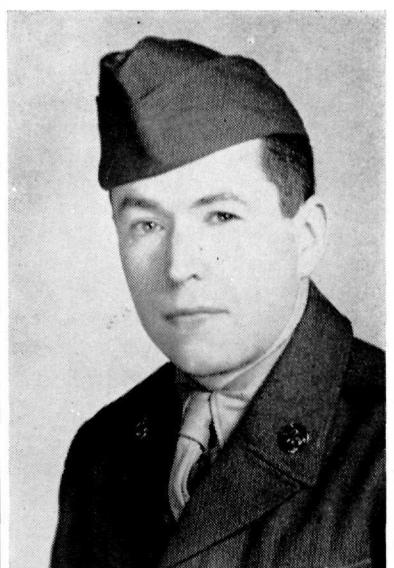
1. Your return is due March 15. File early—and avoid last-minute mistakes that might cost you tax money.

2. If you made less than \$600 last year, but had taxes withheld by your employer, remember that you must file a return in order to get your refund.

3. Remember that you have to file a Declaration of Estimated Income for 1952 by March 15 if you (a) will have an income of over \$100 from any sources other than wages from which your employer withholds the tax, and your total income is \$600 or more—or (b) your wages from which taxes are withheld amount to more than the total of \$4500 plus \$600 for each exemption.

4. If you have any questions about your return, the nearest office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue will help you. The Government has issued a pamphlet of instructions which you should get from the local Bureau office—and which demonstrates clearly the Government's attitude that it wants no one to overpay his income tax.

Farley Stationed at Dix; Mother and Aunt at S. E.



Pfc. Donald Farley is stationed at Fort Dix in New Jersey. While Donald serves with the Armed Forces, his mother, Jo, is employed in Paper Rolling at Beaver and his aunt, Jennie Battorv, works in Final Soldering at Brown Street.

Charles Ryan Promoted

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Army. Mr. Ryan also was associated with the Windsor Print Works as Paymaster and Assistant Office Manager.

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